

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 52nd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON
Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 52 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 55)**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off west side of Middletown Road (PA 851)

CITY, TOWN

Stiltz

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 2 / PA: 19

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Baltimore / PA: York

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS N/A

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT☒ PUBLIC☐ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ BUILDING(S)☐ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☐ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE☐ PUBLIC ACQUISITION

N/A

☐ ACCESSIBLE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ OBJECT☐ IN PROCESS☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ NO☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER state boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

(monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

BA-1571 entered 3/8/79

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Office of Planning, County Courts Building

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED
 —RUINS
 —UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
 —ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
 —MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 52(56) marks Mason and Dixon's 52nd horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is one of 12 monuments now marking the Baltimore/York county boundary at mile intervals; is an original milestone of 1766 at its original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765, and was reset more securely at that site in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is rural, gently rolling farmland, with a scattered clustering of houses at the small crossroads settlement of Stiltz. The site is located at the western edge of this settlement; about 1300' west of Middletown Road (PA 851); off the end of the Fischers private lane; about 70' southeast of their house, in their side yard near the north edge of a garden, obscured by yew bushes. It cannot be seen from any road or the lane, but easily from nearby on the garden side, all seasons, and is protected by the property owners.

Originally, this monument presumably stood about 3' above ground. When reset by the Resurvey, it was surrounded by a concrete collar below ground, and now stands about 1½' high. Still firmly in place, it is in good condition, with most embellishments remaining and distinct, though weathered and with large shallow chips disfiguring the top northwest and southeast corners. It measures 11½" square; is of oolitic limestone quarried and carved in England (as are all the original Mason and Dixon monuments); the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M facing Maryland on the south side are both clear and intact; the top is a very low pyramidal shape, with the four planes and fluting barely discernible, and a small pit at the apex.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for descriptions of the Mason and Dixon monuments and 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902)

~~UNRECORDED~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 52(55) is significant primarily as one of the 111 original Mason and Dixon milestones still standing along the West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, notable for its historical impact and innovative boundary survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and monumented the following year, where it remains to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 10 original milestones marking the present Baltimore/York county boundary, No. 52(55) is also of significance locally as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to our colonial heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

UTM: 18.34834.439804

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Baltimore

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

1/20/80 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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MASONED DIKON WEST LINE
MILESTONE 52(53)

BA-1571

LINEBORO QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NE/4 WESTMINSTER 15' QUADRANGLE

1953 PHOTO REVIS. 1974

5663 1 SW
(GLEN ROCK)

GLEN ROCK 4.1 MI.
DEVILLE 0.5 MI.

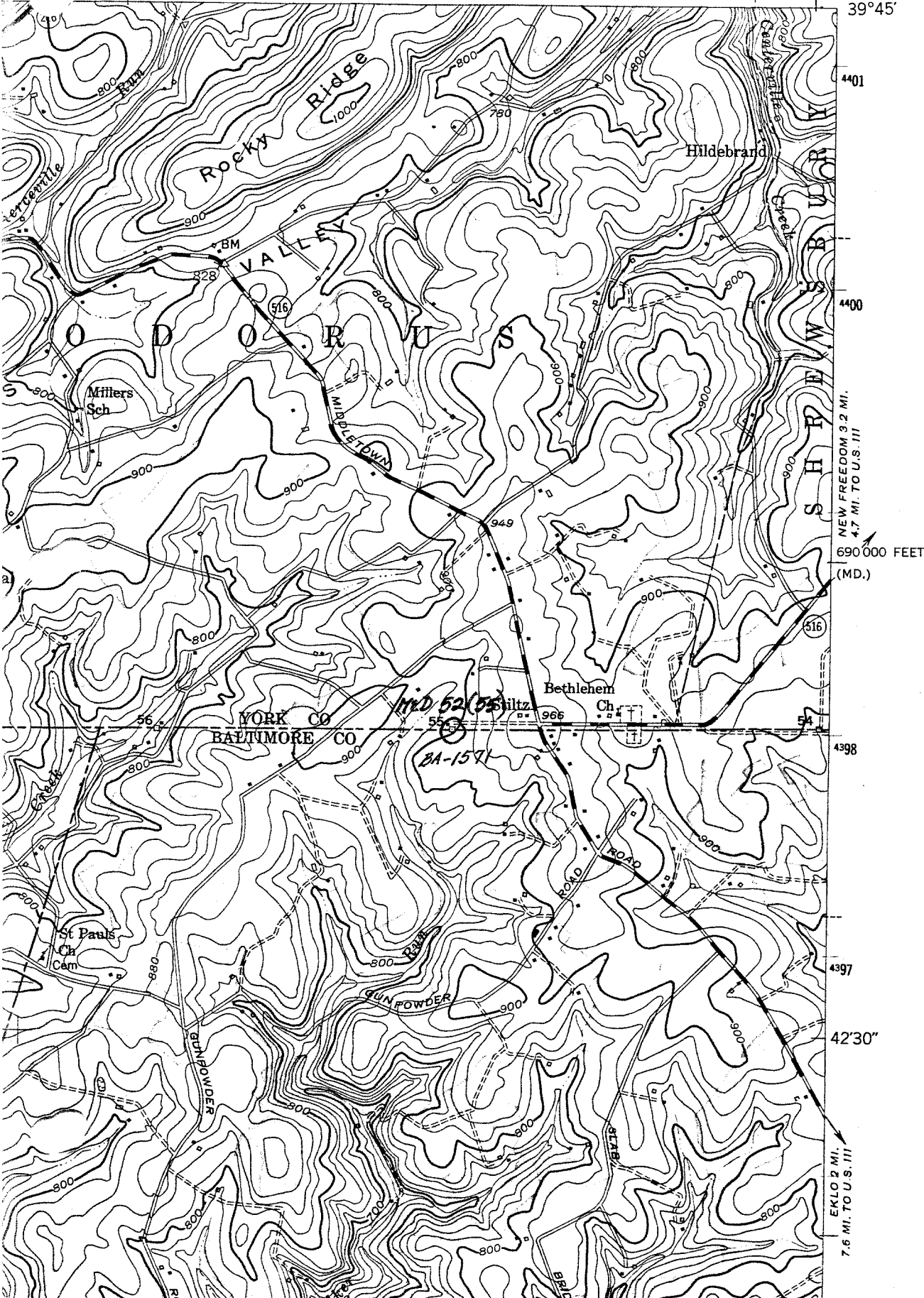
860 000 FEET (MD.)

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

349

6°45'

39°45'





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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 5255 (NW CORNER) (P/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 1/20/80 (1980.3.2A)

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE NO. 52 (SE CORNER) (M/-)
(55)

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